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**Simulation of Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level Change**

EXERCISE EXERCISE EXERCISE:. The Captain of the Port has raised the Maritime Security (MARSEC) threat level from MARSEC 1 (normalcy) to MARSEC 2 (increased threat) for the entire Port of Charleston and MARSEC 3 (threat imminent) for areas north of the Don Holt Bridge on the Cooper River due to threat related intelligence reports. This condition signifies a high risk of terrorist attack.

The Coast Guard strongly encourages all vessels and maritime facilities to review their security procedures in accordance with the MARSEC 2 and/or MARSEC 3 requirements of their respective security plans. All vessels and facilities must report compliance with MARSEC requirements to the COTP via phone: 843-720-327, fax 843-720-3289, or e-mail [jmahney@msocharleston.uscg.mil](mailto:jmahney@msocharleston.uscg.mil). Transportation authorities and infrastructure owners and operators are urged to implement appropriate protective measures. Officials at transportation facilities should maintain high levels of security and report any suspicious activities or persons.

Coast Guard will be increasing patrols by aircraft, boats, and cutters. Citizens will see an increased Coast Guard and law enforcement presence with targeted vessel boardings and escorts. Recreational boaters should be aware of security zones and restricted waters. The Coast Guard is continuing to work closely with local, state, and federal agencies to keep our waterways safe and secure.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact my representative, Mr. James Mahney at (843) 720-3276.

/s/

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